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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

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47. (New) An airflow rate control apparatus comprising:

a throttle valve element,

a body for mounting the throttle valve element,

a motor being mounted within said body for driving the throttle valve

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element,

a throttle sensor mounted separately from the motor for detecting an
opening degree of said throttle valve element, and

a cover means to form a space together with the body, said throttle sensor
being located in the space, wherein